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SUBJECT: CSCE: CYPRUS' VIEW ON PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

1. CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES DURING HIS APRIL 21-25 VISIT TO BULGARIA SIGNED A COMMUNIQUE ENDORSING "THE ADVANTAGE OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT ORGAN FOR CARRYING OUT THE DECISIONS" OF THE CSCE (REF FBIS 251945Z).

2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THIS LANGUAGE WAS A CONCESSION TO THE GOB OR REPRESENTED CYPRUS' OWN PREFERNCE, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIR GEN TOLD US THAT CYPRUS WOULD IN FACT PREFER A PERMANENT ONGOING BODY FOR THE CSCE. AS ALWAYS, THE PRIMARY CONSIDER-ACTION FOR CYPRUS IS "THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVES IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE ANOTHER FORUM IN WHICH CYPRUS COULD COMPLAIN IF IT CAME UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM TURKEY OR GREECE. THE MINISTRY THINKS THAT THE CSCE
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WOULD BE USEFUL IN INVOLVING THE RUSSIANS, AND IN A CONTEXT

WHICH WOULD PERHAPS PUT MORE PRESSURE ON THEM TO TAKE A POSITION THAN WOULD A UNITED NATIONS DEBATE. CYPRUS ALSO SEES THE SMALLER BODY AS PERHAPS CAPABLE OF BEING ACTIVATED QUICKLY.

3. WE REMARKED THAT USG BELIEVES SUCH A PERMANENT BODY WOULD BE REDUNDANT AND WOULD SIMPLY BE ANOTHER ELEMENT IN COSTLY AND PROLIFERATING INTERNATIONAL BUREAUCRACY. DIR GEN TOOK NOTE, BUT OBVIOUSLY THINKS SMALL COST TO CYPRUS WOULD BE OUTWEIGHED BY ADVANTAGES HE DESCRIBES.

4. IF DEPT HAS OTHER ARGUMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM.
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